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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (*check appropriate item(s) below*):

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. Payment of the issue fee
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 Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
- iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

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[] A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv. [] Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145
 [] Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 [] Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 [] Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

[] An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
 [] Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

A preliminary amendment

[] New arguments

[] New evidence in support of patentability

[] Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

[] Small entity (and status is still as small entity)	\$385.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than a small entity	\$770.00
Continued Prosecution Request Fee <u>\$ 770.00</u>	

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra Rate	Addit. Fee OR Rate
Total 5	Minus 20	= x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
Indep. 1	Minus 3	= x \$42 = \$	x \$86 = \$
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim		+ \$140 = \$0	+ \$280 = \$
			Total Addit. Fee \$

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) [] Total additional fee required is \$.

EXTENSION OF TIME

(If an extension of time is appropriate complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply..

(a) [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension for (months)</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>
[x] one month	\$ 55	\$110
[] two months	\$ 210	\$420
[] three months	\$ 475	\$950
[] four months	\$ 740	\$1,480
	Fee	\$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request **\$ 110.00**
OR

(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

WARNING: *The fee for continued examination under Section 1.114 may not be deferred. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f).*

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$ <u>770.00</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
Extension of time fee (if any) (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ 110.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$ <u>880.00</u>

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$ 880.00

Charge Account _____ the sum of \$ _____

Charge Credit Card the sum of \$ _____
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached.)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

Account 04-1105

Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached.)

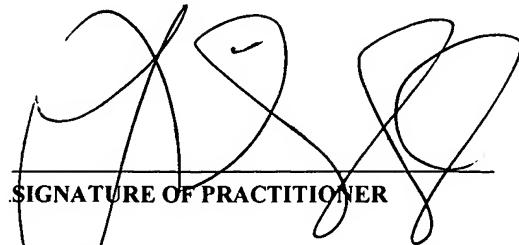
INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48
is/has separately:
 being filed
 been filed



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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CHECKLIST FOR REQUEST CONTINUING EXAMINATION

This checklist is designed to reduce errors in the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE).

Highlighted items must be completed at the time of filing.

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- Timing:** 1MAY01 Due date of outstanding action has been checked and extension of time is being filed if necessary. A copy of the extension is enclosed in this filing.
- Postcard:** Lists all pages and papers being submitted, includes correct client/matter number, mailing date, Express Mail number if applicable, attorney initials and is stamped.
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- Submission:** RCE must include a submission (amendment or IDS) or reference an earlier submission not yet entered. If amendment filed, format is correct to include claim listing and status.
- Payment of Fees:** Check for fees (including extensions of time if needed) is included or deposit account is charged.
- Customer No.:** Customer number (21874) is included on filing.
- Copies:** All copies clear and legible, including all signatures, postcard and check.
- Manual Docket:** Attorney's manual docket has been updated.
- Database Update:** Copy of postcard and/or transmittal for docketing.

Secretary: _____ 2nd Checker: _____ Date: 4/7/2004